

SOURCES OF LOVE AND HATE

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her— and make her into ice-cream ! " Then to Mrs. I., " I like ice-cream ! It will be pink ice-cream ! I like ice I "

2.2.26. At lunch there was some talk about Mrs. I. up " and " having her for dinner ". Priscilla said she would " have her head ", Christopher " her finger " Dan " from her tummy to her bottom ".

29.3.26. Priscilla was again very hostile this afternoon, and led the others to join with her in calling Mrs. I. a beast " " filthy " and so on ; and threatening to spit at her.

Autumn 1927. Denis, throughout the term, was very fond of biting the finger of any grown-up he passed near, and unless prevented would bite quite hard. This was not done in apparent temper ; and when one refused to let him bite, he would sometimes say, " Then I'll kiss you," and kiss instead.

21.10.27. At the lunch table, Ivan had been annoying the other children by making " engine noises " continually with his mouth. One of them said in desperation, " I wish there was no such boy as Ivan.* Dan said, " I wish he was a fish-cake, and then he would be eaten up." Some of the others pulled sour faces and said, " Oh, no, we wouldn't eat him." Presently Denis said, reflectively, " I wish he was this piece of fish-cake " (putting it into his mouth) " and then he would be eaten up ! "

1. X., a girl, when about 9 years of age, was playing at " Postman's Knock " and called out of the room a boy " sweet. heart " of the same age, to give him " a letter ", i.e. a kiss- At the critical moment she was overcome with shyness and offered him "a bite of her apple" (which she was eating) instead. To her great chagrin, he took this instead of the kiss.

2. At 6 to 7 years X. often ate chalk and paper. Up to 8 or 9 years she tore the corners off the pages of any book she was reading and chewed them.

3. H., aged 2;6, was asked by a grown-up, "What does J. have for his tea ? " (J. being a baby brother of 5 or 6 months).
H. replied, " Bites Mammie."
4. C., about 5 years of age, was stroking a large collie dog, when it sniffed at his trousers in the genital region.
" Oh ", he said, " it wants to suck."
5. " At 4 years of age N. was found nearly choking, and purple in the face, swallowing something very large. As soon as she had got it safely down and could speak, she told her nurse, " It's B.'s whistle " (an ordinary sized whistle belonging to her elder brother, of which she had been very envious).